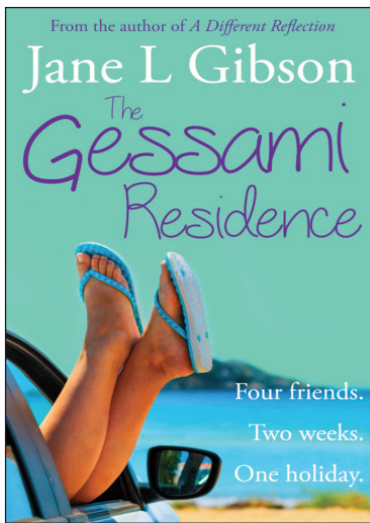




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## THE GESSAMI RESIDENCE

Jane L Gibson celebrates friendships, romance and being in her 40s in her new romantic novel

*The Gessami Residence* is a story of mature women still trying to live life to the max. It's about enjoying life, having fun with friends and finding love and has been written by Yorkshire author Jane L Gibson.

Jane, now in her forties, has had a passion for writing stories since her boys were little. Her first novel *A Different Reflection* was published in 2015, and she has based *The Gessami Residence* on her own friends and friendships.

“My friends are my inspiration for this book,” observes Jane. “We still drink together, laugh, cry, take occasional trips and enjoy each other’s company immensely and I cannot put a price on that friendship! It was nice to reflect on how much friends mean throughout our lives when writing this novel.”

Jane’s book centres on the main character, Jenny, who has endured three fairly miserable years following the sudden death of her husband, Paul. At forty three – with her sons at university – the only thing keeping her sane are her three best friends Amanda, Beth and Rose. After deciding that what they really need is a girl’s trip away, they escape their uneventful lives on a holiday. After all, forty somethings still like to drink, flirt, have meaningless sex and enjoy themselves – right? Rose organises the trip and keeps the details secret until they meet at the airport, but she shocks them with her destination choice – *Ibiza!* After the first night of heavy drinking, Jenny, is mortified when she falls ungracefully into the sand and is confronted with Ethan, a handsome stranger, who helps her back to her room. Ethan is not what Jenny was expecting from this holiday, but the more time she spends with him and her friends, the more she realises all she has been missing.

“I love reading novels by Cecelia Ahern, Jojo Moyes, Nicholas Sparks and Helen Fielding,” adds Jane, “and I was trying to encapsulate humour and romance into *The Gessami Residence*.”



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